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SUBJECT: GOP ANNOUNCES REQUEST TO RENEGOTIATE US- RP  
SECURITY/ ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS

REF: ( A) MANILA 5561  
( B) MANILA 5436  
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BEGIN SUMMARY. PUBLIC INFO SEC TATAD HAS SUPPOSEDLY TOLD  
NEWSMEN THAT FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL IS PLANNING PACKAGE  
RENEGOTIATION OF MAJOR US- GOP MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ARRANGE-  
MENTS DURING JUNE AND/ OR JULY. TATAD IS CITED AS HAVING  
PICKED OUT THE LACK OF AN AUTOMATIC US RESPONSE UNDER THE  
MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, IRRITANTS RELATED TO CRIMINAL  
JURISDICTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR US SERVICEMEN, AND THE  
IMPENDING TERMINATION OF THE LAUREL- LANGLEY ECONOMIC  
ARRANGEMENTS AS MATTERS OF PARTICULAR GOP ATTENTION.

END SUMMARY.

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1. MANILA MAY 16 PRESS STORIES STATED GOP HAS DECIDED  
ON A SINGLE PACKAGE RENEGOTIATION OF ALL US- GOP  
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS DURING JUNE OR JULY OF  
THIS YEAR. PUBLIC INFORMATION SEC TATAD REPORTEDLY

GAVE THIS INFORMATION AT PRESS MEETING FOLLOWING MAY 15 FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH PRESIDENT MARCOS PRESIDED. TWO PAPERS STATED THAT FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL REACHED DECISION TO REQUEST SUCH A PACKAGE RENEGOTIATION, WHILE TWO OTHERS REPORTED THAT GOP HAS ALREADY MADE THIS REQUEST OF U. S. TATAD ALSO SAID THAT DISCUSSION OF EXTRADITION TREATY MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE PACKAGE TALKS.

2. WITH REGARD TO THREE US- RP SECURITY AGREEMENTS, TATAD REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THERE WAS NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR " TERMS." PRESS ACCOUNTS SPECIFIED THAT GOP HOPES TO " IMPROVE ON" THE LACK OF AN AUTOMATIC US GUARANTEE OF PHILIPPINE SECURITY UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY ( MDT), AND CITED CRIMINAL JURISDICTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR US MILITARY PERSONNEL AS A FREQUENT SOURCE OF IRRITATION. ALSO, ACCORDING TATAD, PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON MILITARY AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN HELD IN BAGUIO IN NOVEMBER 1967 AND IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1968 AND, BASED ON THESE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL HAD DECIDED TO PROCEED TO TALKS ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

3. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, TATAD REPORTEDLY SAID ONLY THAT TALKS ARE NECESSARY SINCE US IS PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNER OF PHILIPPINES AND LAUREL- Langley EXPIRATION DATE IS NEARING.

4. COMMENT: GOP SOMETIMES HANDLES PUBLICITY ASPECTS OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS IN HAPHAZARD MANNER. NO OFFICIAL BULLETIN ON TATAD BRIEFING HAS BEEN ISSUED AND, AS NOTED, PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE INCOMPLETE AND SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY.

5. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF STATE OF PLAY:

( A) DISCUSSIONS OF 1967 AND 1968 DEALT WITH LAUREL- CONFIDENTIAL

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Langley AND NOT SECURITY AGREEMENTS. MOST RECENT AND SPECIFIC FOLLOW- UP ON LAUREL- Langley WAS DFA NOTE HANDED CHARGE ON MAY 14 REQUESTING US VIEWS ON SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT ( REF A).

( B) MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONGOING, WITH INITIATIVE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN GOP HANDS.

( C) EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC OFFICIAL REQUEST TO RENEGOTIATE EITHER MDT OR MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ( MDAA) SINCE PROPOSAL IN SECTION II OF AIDE MEMOIRE ( REF C) HANDED BY FON SEC

ROMULO TO AMBASSADOR BYROADE ON LATTER'S DEPARTURE  
FOR CONSULTATION IN US ON JANUARY 24, 1973. ROMULO  
WAS RECENTLY QUOTED IN DAILY EXPRESS AS STIGMATIZING  
REQUIREMENT IN MDAA THAT US BE CONSULTED ON PROCUREMENT  
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AS " COLONIAL."

6. DURING PAST YEAR SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS ( INCLUDING  
PRESIDENT MARCOS AS RECENTLY AS NATION- WIDE TELEVISION/  
RADIO BROADCAST ON MAY 8 ( REF B) HAVE PUBLICLY REFERRED  
TO DESIRE TO RENEGOTIATE ALL US- GOP ECONOMIC AND  
MILITARY AGREEMENTS IN " PACKAGE" TALKS. AS OF THIS TIME,  
HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL  
WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF WHAT " PACKAGE" ALKS MIGH MEAN,  
OTHER THAN REFERENCE IN ROMULO AIDE MEMOIRE TO " NEGO-  
TIATIONS ON THE OVERALL QUESTION" ETC. CONSIDERING THE  
EVIDENT COMPLICATIONS OF A PACKAGE APPROACH AND THE  
JUNE- JULY TIME FRAME SUGGESTED, EMBASSY PROPOSES NOT  
REPEAT NOT TO SEEK OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION OF GOP  
PROPOSAL AT THIS POINT.

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